

WELCOME TO GLOBAL MEDICINE 2007

Welcome to the U.S. Air Force's School of Aerospace Medicine and the Global Medicine Course. We have worked hard to prepare an outstanding course and hope that you find it enjoyable. More importantly we hope that you are a better operational medic for the experience. The course information package available on the internet site includes the important information, emergency notification numbers, and policies on class attendance, punctuality, and classroom etiquette. You would be advised to print a copy to bring with you.

Brooks Billeting will reserve lodging for all students registered in the course. One week prior to the course start date we will send out lodging arrangements. You may contact billeting personnel to confirm that you are coming to Brooks for the course but this is not necessary...if you are registered in the course, then billeting has your name and has arranged your room. If you are billeted in off-base lodging (as is usually the case) you will not need to stop at billeting. Your Non-Availability slips will be at the contract motel. Billeting can be contacted by phone at DSN 240-1844, comm. (210)536-1844, online at <http://www.brooks.af.mil/ABG/SV/Reservations.htm>, or by e-mailing lodging.reservations@brooks.af.mil.

Course Registration

Course registration begins Monday, **29 Jan 07 at 0700. Please bring 2 copies of your orders and a copy of your airline ticket or itinerary** (if you traveled by commercial air).

Classes/Labs

Lectures are held in the main USAFSAM Schoolhouse (Lyster Hall or building 775) in the Main Auditorium. Lab locations will be provided to you after the start of the class. There are maps on the walls of the building and helpful people in the halls. Please note that the auditorium is nearly always freezing cold. You are advised to have a jacket or sweater available even if it is warm outside.

Lectures will typically be 50 minutes in length with a 10-minute break. Labs are typically 2.5 – 3 hours in length. Meals are on your own. There are limited lunch alternatives on base. We have arranged the school's Morale Committee to have juice, coffee, bagels, fruits, and a variety of snacks available for purchase throughout the day. If we provide a lunchtime learning opportunity we will arrange for lunch to be purchased.

A bus will be provided to transport students to-and from contract billeting at the beginning of the day. The front desk of your hotel will have the schedule when you check in. (Normally 0640 pick-up each morning and 1700 each afternoon). Please be on time! If you miss the bus you will have to call and beg the course director to come pick you up. It will cost beer.

COMSEC

You are required to have basic computer security training in order to use the government computers here (required for certain tasks/projects during the course). Training **must** be accomplished prior to your arrival at Brooks. **Bring a copy of your IA certificate** or be prepared to complete the training again (again with some beer cost to you). Even with

proof of completion of the training you will have to sign a "USAFSAM Student Network Users Rights and Responsibilities Agreement".

Contact during course

Class A phones are located outside the Main Auditorium, room 102 and outside of the small auditorium, room 163. Messages can be left for you by calling DSN 240-2423 or comm. (210)536-2423. Have the caller/sender specify that you are a student attending the Global Medicine course. Incoming messages will be posted on a board in the main auditorium entryway.

Uniform

The duty uniform for this class will be BDU's or flight suits.

Graduation

Presence at graduation is mandatory and will end for most participants on Friday, 09 February at approx 1000 hrs (i.e. after the required Team Deployment briefs). **Do not plan on leaving the course prior to graduation!** Also, if the final written exam is not passed on Thursday, make-up testing occurs from 1230-1400 on Friday. The airport is approximately 40 minutes from Brooks and because of the need for early show times, airline reservations should not be made before 1200.

Welcome again to Global Medicine 2007!

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